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ACT THY CREED.

Christian, rise, and act thy creed,
Let thy pray'r be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew.

Hearts around thee sink with care;
Thou canst help their load to bear,
Then canst bring inspiring light,
Arm their faltering wills to fight.

Come then, Law divine, and reign,
Freest faith assailed in vain,
Perfect love bereft of fear,
Born in heaven and radiant here.

IN A MARKET STREET STORE.

may have been his gray hairs, but more likely as his benevolent expression. She was just out er teens. As she wrapped the small parcel for she timidly said: "I wonder if you will help "

he rising inflection may have meant doubt, or ight mean expectancy.

Why, daughter" said he: "what is the trouble?" want to know about baptism; people have been ing to me and I am troubled."

ne could not have known that he was a min-. He told her what he knew about the various s the church has held on the matter.

nen she wanted to know about prayer; had she ght to pray? could she pray for the things est to her heart?

Yes,' he said, "that is permitted if only you to every prayer this little clause, 'Thy will be ."

er heart opened a bit wider; she told him she a Jewess; had been brought up in the strictest odox faith. But now that her mother was she had drifted away. People had been talk-to her and she was confused and all at sea.

Was your mother a godly woman?" he asked "Was she a praying woman?"

Yes, she was a praying woman; and she taught o pray."

nen the shepherd of souls comforted her: "My ghter, let not these things bother you. Keep your face always toward God. By and by, you will find your praying mother close to the Father of us all."

The silent tears in her eyes spoke her gratitude and the comfort of his words.

A VETERAN'S MISSIONARY TOUR

After one has had a habit of missionary interest for more than half a century, it is bound to persist. Rev. William C. Pond D. D. has for many years cared for, visited and fostered the work on this coast among the Orientals; and though he is in the nineties he cannot forego the privileges and hardships of the missionary tour.

He visited the churches from April 28th to June 5th, and reports progress and hopefulness.

The revived Chinese mission at Fresno held its second anniversary and organized as the Bethany Chinese church with 22 members, all but one young men, 18 of whom were baptized. Mr. Joe Dunn, a veteran worker serves as pastor. The church is self-supporting. During the year it has repaired the mission house at a cost of $165. Mrs. Mary B. Montgomery is the teacher.

At Bakersfield, Pastor Fuller and Miss Harriet Buss have been watchful of the work among the Chinese. The Mission House has been renovated and greatly improved.

At Los Angeles the Union Japanese church plans to erect a building to cost, with the lot about $50,000. The Chinese church, a branch of the First, expect to build soon at a cost of about $16,-000. Mr. Chin Joy, for 7 years pastor in San Francisco, is now in charge of the Chinese work.

Dr. Pond also reports for Pasadena, Riverside and San Diego, that "all are doing good work with promise of better results this year than ever before."

THE WOMEN OF OAKLAND FIRST

The Women's League is divided into 8 circles. During the past 8 months these circles have had 56 meetings; they have raised $2,140. they have made a host of church calls, and read missionary books, and distributed garments galore for needy ones. It is a fine record; their president Mrs. F. J. Van Horn ought to be happy and proud of it.

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ASPIRATION.

Still must I climb if I would rest;
The bird soars upward to its nest;
The young leaf on the tree-top high
Cradles itself against the sky.

I cannot in the valley stay:
The great horizons stretch away;
The very cliffs that wall me round
Are ladders unto higher ground.

And heaven draws near as I ascend,
The breeze invites, the stars befriend;
All things are beckoning to the best;
I climb to Thee, O God, for rest!

YOSEMITE ANOMALIES

How rare a jewel is consistency! The tourist driving along the highway in Yosemite notes a board nailed upon the tree warning all visitors not to "drive nails into the trees." It would be poetic justice if the ranger who strictly enforces the ordinance put up that sign himself.

The bulletin of Sunday services affords food for thought. The Protestant chapel is used early in the morning by the Catholics for their special ceremonies; but then the Catholic church has made no sign yet looking toward Church Union

The Union or Interdenominational service is held at 10 a. m. in which all protestants are supposed to participate.

Then comes the anomaly. The Episcopalians have their own separate service at 11 a. m. They do not join with the Catholics; they do not join with the Protestants; they go it alone, as usual; and yet they claim to be campaigners for church union and they say that that union must express itself first of all and essentially in worship. It is not strange that many non-episcopalians are very doubtful of the sincerity and earnestness of their desire for the union of all non-Catholic Christendom.

Would it not be better to practice union always and everywhere? Would that not bring to pass the thing we so much talk about,—a consummation devoutly to be wished? Where our preaching is one thing and our practice another, it is no wonder that folks doubt our sincerity.

SUPERINTENDENT RATHBONE RETIRES.

On the first day of August William J. Minchin of Colorado began service as superintendent of th Northern California Congregational Conference an at the same moment Leland D. Rathbone, who ha served the Conference for fifteen faithful years, lai aside the burdens of that office.

Californians are not all of them always aware o the largeness of their estate; others outside of th state know nothing about it. The field whic Supt. Rathbone has served all this time runs fro Dorris, up in Siskiyou County, to Porterville an Tipton, not far from the Tehachapi Mountain This means a distance of about seven hundred mile How far south would the Bostanian have to go t

be seven hundred miles from home? Would it b at Washington, or perhaps Charleston? Back an forth for fifteen strenuous years has the faithfu superintendent traveled over this field, making o the average a pilgrimage of twenty-five thousan miles a year. This is the task that Mr. Rathbon lays down, worn out by the exacting life, and thi is the task that Supt. Minchin, a younger man, i taking up.

During the fifteen years of service just ende some remarkable and creditable results have bee achieved. There has been a 40 per cent increas in the membership of the churches; the missionar gifts of the churches have gone from $25,000 t $50,000; the invested funds of the Conference hav gone from nothing to $18,000; and the invested fund of the Home Missionary Society have increase from $7,000 to over $100,000, with a conditional gif fund of $50,000 additional. The business of th office has grown tremendously during these years The Sunday School work, the Ministerial Relie work and much work in connection with churc building are now cared for in the superintendent' office, along with the home missionary work an the many details of the work of the Conferenc treasurer in the collection and distribution of benev olent funds and the promotion of the apportionment

Supt. Rathbone came to the conclusion last Sep tember that he could no longer stand the strai of the work and in October he offered his resigna tion to the Conference, but has kindly remained a the task until his successor could be found. Th

nefit of his years of experience will not for the esent be lost to the Conference in his retirement, he is to remain in the office to assist Dr. Minchin financial and recording secretary, an office eated by the trustees last year, thus leaving the perintendent free for the larger constructive ork among the churches. As Dr. Rathbone turns er to his successor the responsibilities and privi-ges of his arduous office he may do so with the nsciousness of a work well done and an accom-ishment of large value rendered to the Congre-ationalism of our Pacific Coast.

FAMILY WELFARE ACTIVITIES

That prohibition has been a blessing to the home e of America has been conceded by everyone—the ets included.

Now comes a report from the Family Welfare So-eties in our cities to the effect that large numbers families suffering from the evils of drink are osperous and happy. In Chicago there has been n 86 per cent decrease of such suffering homes; in t. Louis 94 per cent; in Boston 91 per cent; in ew York 84 per cent and all other cities reporting ow as good and even better results.

San Francisco does not appear in the honorable st, but she will, as soon as California comes into ne with a state enforcement law.

THE PRESIDENT SAYS.

"In every community men and women have had n opportunity now to know what prohibition means. hey know that debts are more promptly paid, that nen take home the wages that once were wasted n saloons, that families are better clothed and fed, nd more money finds its way into the savings anks. Liquor was destructive of too much that is ost precious in American life. In the face of so nuch evidence on that point, what conscientious nan would want to let his own selfish desires in-luence him to vote to bring it back? In another eneration I believe that liquor will have disappear-ed not merely from our politics, but from our mem-ories."—WARREN G. HARDING.

THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE.

Again the State Conference will meet at Asilomar. The session will be from Thursday noon, October 5th to Wednesday evening, October 11th. At the 1921 meeting it was voted unanimously to return to Asilomar for 1922. The delightful fellowship of the session of last year captured all hearts. We shall probably repeat the same happy experience this year.

Geo. T. Martin of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. will preside as the moderator. Rev. Thomas T. Giffen of Fresno will preach the sermon.

Among those to give evening addresses are Chester Rowell, Judge Wilbur, Dr. James L. Gordon, Prof. Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College, F. J. Van Horn president of the Board of Trustees, and Harley H. Gill. The San Jose church will present a pageant on Saturday evening.

A series of daily Bible studies will be conducted by Rev. O. W. McCall of Berkeley.

All the afternoons will be left free for recreation and fellowship.

The expenses of the session will be no more than last year and may be less.

Campers will find good camping grounds not far away.

Every church should endeavor to have its complete quota of delegates present: it would be profitable to have even larger representations, as Stockton and Fresno and others did last year.

The Pacific of September 1st will give the whole program in detail.

A CONSPIRACY.

The San Francisco Federation of Churches urges all good and true people to vote "Yes" on the Wright Enforcement Act, which will be number two on the ballot next November.

The executive committee says: "there is a gigantic conspiracy against the Constitution of the United States evidenced in the organized opposition to the Wright State Enforcement Law."

It goes on to explain that this Wright Act is "purely a police measure aimed at the bootlegger and is designed to uphold an article of the Constitution within the State of California."

This is the simple straight-forward truth. It cannot be dodged. There are already many attempted evasions. The wets do everything to divert the voter's attention from the real issue; but the fact remains that we are to vote for or against the Constitution when we vote on number two of the ballot.

FUNDAMENTALISTS VOTED DOWN

A battle has been won in the Northern Baptist Covention recently meeting in Indianapolis, but a campaign is bound to contain a good many battles. Final victory is made up of several minor victories.

The "Fundamentalists" undertook to capture that convention and to put it on record as standing for everything they advocate, but they were defeated at every point, and badly beaten.

All officers elected were anti-Fundamentalists. The vote on Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin's motion, that "The New Testament is our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice and we have need of no other statement" was a decision against the position of the "Fundamentalists." It stood 1264 to 637.

This does not mean that the reactionary literalists are converted to a better or broader way; nor can we expect there will be any cessation of their propaganda. In fact, in alliance with the Moody Insti-

tute of Chicago they are apparently starting in on a more violent campaign than ever.

But they will fail: They must fail. Narrowness and bigotry, even when backed up by so strong a leader as W. J. Bryan, cannot prevail over truth; and truth is always found in the broader way.

A DECADE OF SERVICE

Rev. C. H. Stevens has been granted a leave of absence of three months by his Redwood City Church. He has just finished a ten-year pastorate there. In that time he has received 330 members.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are to spend their long vacation in England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and France.

The new church under process of erection will probably be completed by October 1st.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

The Seattle Congregational Ministerial Association held their annual picnic and election of officers for the ensuing year at Volunteer Park, June 19th. Quite a large number of ministers and their wives and families gathered in the afternoon for recreation and an out-of-door supper, Rev. and Mrs. Carl H. Veazie acting as host and hostess. As a result of the election, Rev. H. F. Burgess is president, Rev. J. D. Hudson, vice-president and Rev. Henry M. McDowell, secretary-treasurer.

A group of Congregational men and women met June 21st and lunched together at the Y. W., in honor of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hall and little son, who had just arrived from Japan on the S. S. Pine Tree State. They are American Board missionaries stationed at Maebeshi, and the meeting was held under the direction of a committee recently appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of our State Conference for the purpose of meeting and introducing missionaries passing thru Seattle. Mr. Hall assured us that the Military Party in Japan is greatly in the minority and unpopular, owing to the extreme poverty of the people. The United States gained greatly in favor by our frank and open-handed course at the Washington Conference. The attitude of the student body of Japan toward Christian America is, "We want you to come, not particularly to teach Christian religion, tho you are welcome to do that, but we want to associate with you and learn your ideals."

A representative gathering of Congregational ministers and their wives was held at the Y. W., July 17th, under the auspices of our Seattle Ministerial Association. At this luncheon there were several guests of honor. A welcome was extended to Dr. F. J. Van Horn, pastor of the First, Oakland, formerly pastor of Plymouth Church, Seattle, who is here as part tof his vacation trip. Words of greeting were exchanged with Dr. Harada, formerly president of the Doshisha, now professor of the Oriental Department of the Territorial ersity of Hawaii, at Honolulu. A cordial wel was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose W. Ver of Northfield, Minn. Dr. Kernon is supplying pulpit of Plymouth Church, Seattle, during vacation of the pastor, Dr. Chauncey J. Haw Rev. Walter C. Veazie, who preached the or ing sermon of Mr. Vernon, was present on thi casion. Mr. Vernon is 76 years of age, is past our churches at Ione and Metaline Falls, W having been in the ministry 46 years. He wa 14 years State Evangelist, in Kansas. He is supplying the pulpit of his son, Rev. Carl H. zie, who is pastor of Prospect Church, Seattle

Any boy eight years old or over, who has a regular attendant of the Bible School or Ma Training classes of the Fauntleroy Church attle, is eligible to a camping party, up to a of 60, which Mr. Laurence J. Colman takes, year, on his steam launch, "Osprey," to his pr camping grounds, at Horsehead Bay, for a days' outing. This year the trip will extend Aug. 15th to 18th and as usual Mr. Colma quires the parent of each boy to sign a state to the effect that the boy has, during the mer vacation, been reliable and obedient, an daily performed some definitely assigned duties. This enables the parents to use the as a reward for good conduct and, in order t vent any feeling of undue obligation to him Colman requires each one to pay the nomina of 75 cents. The grounds are furnished wit vas-covered, straw-bedded tent-houses, a house and dining table under cover, tennis float with spring boards and high dive, five rowboats, spring water piped to the ground other conveniences. Ladies who accompan party attend to the meals. Mr. Colman als vides such an outing annually for the School," of The Plymouth Church.—H. F. Bu

APPORTIONMENT OUTLOOK

The Commission on Missions reports on 29th that the receipts on the apportionmen are likely to be less than they were last year first five months show a marked falling off, would seem to imply an increase of indebt in the missionary societies. The gifts of las left a serious debt in spite of the fact that had been a careful and serious curtailment missionary budgets.

The only thing that will save the day every church in our great fellowship to ra full apportionment. It is up to every rea this news item to inquire whether his chur made arrangements to secure before the this year the full amount that has been as to it as its share of the missionary fund of c nominations; and to take such steps as shall

at the church will measure up to its full responsibility. If every church does its duty, our missionary enterprise will not suffer.

SUFFERING SUBSCRIBERS

How long would you want to pay for a religious paper that was in the habit of putting over something like this in almost every one of its issues? "It has been well said of the "higher critics," with all their claims to "scholarship," that they can spell but that they have not learned to read"; and that they "have learned to analyze the rind of an orange but they throw away the contents." This is the fault with some of the men who undertake to set up new versions of the Bible, as the Revised Version. They know a good deal about some words, probably, but they do not know how to put them together into good sentences. The scholarship of some people is very fragmentary and crude." Yet this is the sort of reading that the Presbyterians have to do, who are receiving the Herald and Presbyter. We do not so much object to the narrowness of the views expressed, if the editor really believes what he says; but the ill-temper running throughout his columns, and lack of love will surely sour the hearts of his readers,—and that is a grevious sin in a religious newspaper.

DR. RATHBONE'S LETTER

For fifteen years I have had the privilege of being superintendent of the Northern California Congregational Conference. For this opportunity of service, of co-operation, of fellowships and friendships of these years I am very deeply grateful and profoundly thankful. Particularly am I appreciative of the whole-hearted support of the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

Occasionally. as they ought to have done, they have vetoed the suggestions of the Superintendent; but never has there been a breach of sincere confidence and co-operation on their part.

I have been almost constantly on the road for these fifteen years. The policies of the new Conference have been formed. The accounting for benevolences has been established. The Administration of the California Home Missionary Society has been continued, and the funds greatly increased. A beginning of our endowment of the Conference has been started. An advisory relation to the American Missionary Association has been assumed. The administration of the Ministers' Relief Society has been taken over, and just now the Conference has assumed a co-operative relation with the Sunday School Extension Society. To have had part in this work and expansion has been a great privilege.

The Trustees have looked long and carefully for a new Superintendent and have been unusually fortunate in securing Rev. William J. Minchin, D.D.. for the position. Dr Minchin has seen three years of successful service in the Rocky Mountain District as Superintendent of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. I take great pleasure in thus introducing Dr. Minchin to our churches, and pray for him a continuation of the large sympathy and co-operation of the past.

LELAND D. RATHBONE.

IN BRIEF

A group of specially chosen young women, for the most part college girls, of the Presbyterian denomination, in a conference at Chicago went on record as "favoring the principle of interdenominational co-operation and co-operation of all Christian Christian agencies wherever and whenever conditions permit" in the missionary work of the churches, both to avoid duplication and to make more effective their service.

Rev. W. H. Youngman has been making satisfactory progress at Mill Valley. In the past 6 months 13 new members have been received. The church has voted to accept its apportionment of benevolence, and has pledged on current expenses a larger amount than at any previous time. It promoted the Easter Sunrise Service on Mt. Tamalpais, and Prof. Bade preached once for the church at an open-air service.

The Wilshire Church in Los Angeles observed its first communion on June 25th and received into the organization one hundred charter members.

The Pilgrim Church of Seattle is rejoicing over the fact that Dr. E. L. Smith has again accepted that pastorate. He had served the church for 13 years and now returns after an absence of 9 years.

The Federate School of Missions held its usual session of the week at Mt. Hermon with a registered attendance of 183. The Presbyterians were there 78 strong, and the Congregationalists had only 11 delegates. President Hermon F. Swartz and his wife each gave an address.

The New York City Board of Health reports these figures but not in just this form. In 1891 (wet) the death rate of infants was 241 out of each thousand born. In 1921 (dry) it was only 71. And New York City is not quite as dry as the Mojave desert.

Rev. Frank N. Merriam of Massachusetts, but a former Oakland First Church boy, under the pastorate of Dr. McLean, preached in that Church on the first Sunday in July on "A Prayer for Our Time" and "Broken Snares."

During the year ending June 30, 1922 Southern California gave $211,703.78 to the Near East Relief, and also furnished clothing and other gifts valued at $277,124.00. Making a total not far from half a million dollars.

At the Recognition Council of the New Wilshire Church Los Angeles and its pastor Frank Dyer, on June 28th, the sermon was presented by Carl S Patton of the First Church on "Present Day Christianity."

In the death of A. J. Monroe the church at Eureka has lost a pioneer member of great value. He was sixty-four years old, and had been for the better part of his life an active member of that church.

Rev. H. L. Rowley is having a happy success at Douglas, Alaska. His Sunday school has grown from 35 to 175. It is said to be the largest school in the territory.

The church at Eugene Oregon has decided to build a $50,000 structure to meet the needs of its important field.

At the Fourth of July celebration, Miami, Florida, the oration of the day was given by Rev. E. A. King on "The The Responsibility of Citizenship."

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

We welcome to our service in this large and growing field Rev. W. J. Minchin of Colorado.

He has for over four years been the superintendent of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. He will find here a better field of operation than the one he leaves, and perhaps an easier—but he will even here find employ for his unusual physical vigor and his qualities of good sense and patience which have won him the friendship of the field he has just left.

Dr. Minchin is a graduate of Bungor Seminary and has held pastorates in New England and the Middle West. He was also Reginat Director during the period of the Congregational World Movement.

The Trustees of our Conference by a unanimous vote invited Dr. Minchin to his new position, and we wish to assure him that he will have the cordial support of all our ministers and churches in the work of advancing the kingdom of God in Northern California.

OWLS AND HAWKS

"Protect the owls and the beneficial hawks of California and reduce the cost of controlling rodent pests," advises Joseph Dixon, Economic Mammalogist of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California.

He claims that the increasing damage in California from ground squirrels and pocket gophers is due in large measure to the killing off of the natural enemies of these rodents among which are the owls and the hawks.

A SALUTATION

William J. Minchin

When the Northern California Congregational Conference began negotiations with me to become their superintendent I felt duly honored, though unprepared to give the matter serious consideration. As the negotiations proceeded and after making a careful survey of the entire situation ther many hours in which I felt that it would wise for me to accept the responsibility, desp great challenge that it offered.

As time went on and friends whom I co spoke of the rare opportunity offered by th and as they were also kind enough to say t temperament and experience were an asset f a work I took courage, assured that the B Trustees were long-suffering as well as e their great responsibilities.

On August 1st I am to put my feet ur office desk in Room 421 Phelan Building, will welcome all who are concerned with th work, trusting that I will have as good co

WILLIAM J. MINCHIN, D. D.

tion as the good friends in the Rocky M region were in the habit of extending. has said thit it will be better. If so, our s already assured.

In inaugurating a new work one feels treme importance that attaches to having defined policy looking toward certain resu near and others farther away, but all well-ordered and naturally cumulative though they may not be perfect or just w other leader might conceive. Will you c with having such a policy, even though gram has not been submitted to you? also go with me in the steps suggested, d for future steps upon the progress we ma

In the beginning there are three things t to be of singular importance. In your m may exist, yet it is better that we ha clearly before us.

1st. There is an administrative work t be efficiently done. This means that must be able to crystallize the best co thought of the ministers and laymen, gathered afield or in the office, then it m the Churches for consideration and actio

2nd. In order to do this administra efficiently there is the need of establishin certain points of contact that will mak lowship, co-operation and sustained eff

lls for charity, sympathy and cordial moral support of the denominational group.

3rd, Given an efficient organization and an outanding morale we should recognize that these e for the better prosecution of Christian work made known and to be made known to us, whatever it may cost. The tools are for the production Christian character and the finest leadership is at which recognizes spiritual values.

In making my bow to you of the Congregational lowship through the columns of the Pacific it is the great interest of an efficient organization arged with a wholesome morale, that we may ve to the churches a great spiritual leadership rthy of our heritage and equal to the emergens of the hour.

OUR BOOKSHELF

Cyrus Alvin Potts has done a laborious, but very lpful work in the preparation of his Dictionary Bible Proper Names. All the proper names of e Bible have been arranged in alphabetical der; their pronunciation carefully marked, their tin equivalent given; and then the meaning of e word, with Bible reference. Take for instance phthah; the Latin of which would be Aperiebat; opened, a breaker through. He was a Judge Isreal; and the Bible reference is Judges xi; 1. e volume also contains a summary of the books the Bible; the genealogy of Jesus, the rivers and ountains of the Bible. A handy book for refernce. (The Abingdon Press; pages 279)

Bible Plays by Rita Benton contains eight good ys; Joseph and his Brethren; The Golden Calf; e Daughter of Jephthah; Ruth and Boaz; Est-; Daniel; The Burning Fiery Furnace; and The ristmas Story.

The book is attractively gotten up; well illusted. Rita Benton is the author of Shorter Bible ys which we reviewed some time ago. In this er volume she has "reached a high level of matic interest and dramatic quality." Through se plays there is a most effective method of ching religion to young children. The dramatic rulse is a part of our original make-up; and such ys as these utilize most wholesomely that imse for higher ends. (The Abingdon Press; pages)

Those who are teachers and leaders of young ple, certainly feel that they need counsel m experts; out of the experience of those who e dealt with and worked among young people se teachers may hope to get wisdom and guide. Any such person seeking for help we would r to a little handbook entitled **Leaders of Young ple**, by Frank Wade Smith. (The Abingdon ss; The Worker and Work Series). The writer says his book is not a "handbook of hard and fast rules," but he hopes that he has been able to gather and provide some information and principles that may be considered as rules. Primarily the book has been provided apparently for use in classes of leaders preparing for their great work. But the book will prove invaluable for any individual study. The author discusses among other things of value, the young person himself; then the curriculum of instruction and teaching methods. Evangelism also comes in for consideration, and worship. A fine book and invaluable for its purposes. (Pages 224)

In Religion as Experience, Prof. John Wright Buckham is as illuminating as artistic, and as spiritual as he ever is in his writings. And how interesting this last volume of his will prove to be may be ascertained by running over some of the subjects he discusses: "Christian Experience, Experiential Theology; Christianity and Evolution (his inaugural address by the way, at the Pacific School of Religion) and Mysticism as Experience."

These chapters are addresses and articles which have been delivered or have appeared in different publications, but now because of their permanent value and real relation to each other have been brought together in a compact volume. It is a book one will not run through at a sitting, though there are only 128 pages. The reader will rather wish to browse away on a chapter and then let the matter lie fallow in his meditations.

The title of the book has two terms hard to define. "Religion and Experience." We have felt for some time past that "Religion is experience; that without experience there can be no religion." And yet it was difficult to justify such a statement. It is a satisfaction to find the author at least suggesting the same thing.

Dr. Buckham takes not a little space in an effort more or less successful to explain what is meant by "experience." "It is spiritual in which the rational and ethical rather than the 'feeling' element predominate. Experience is not pure sensation; neither is it pure reflection; it is thinking, feeling, willing, all in one; it is realization. This deeply rooted human experience of not merely Something transcending the world of sense and time, but Someone. For my part I see no other reasonable conclusion than that this Somewhat experienced is Person, free from all the limitations which we find in ourselves and others as persons.' (The Abington Press.)

Anything that Prof. Weigle of Yale puts his hand to will be well done. Those fortunate persons who have consulted "Training of the devotional life" will need no advice concerning his new volume. **"The Training of Children in the Christian Family."** (The Pilgrim Press, Boston.) It is true, he says that the children of today do need a

new set of parents. Churches and playgrounds and better schools and a host of other things will help; "but beneath all these, and more vital in its influence than any, is the home life of the child; failure there is fundamental. Too many homes of today are failing."

There are thirteen chapters and every one of them vital. The family; the home with its perplexities; the atmosphere of the home; the building of strong bodies and the formation of right habits; the child at play, at work, at study; the matter of taste for good reading; the friendships of the boy and girl; the devotional life of the child; and the child and the church; here is a layout which no earnest-minded father or mother will be willing to miss.

Take for a moment that chapter on "Developing a taste for good reading." To be able to read is to possess a great ability. Lowell says, it is "the key that admits you to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination." Prof. Weigle says that children ought not "simply to learn to read; but to become readers." And readers of good books. Then he discusses what "Good Reading" is. But what is good reading? What have the schools done in the line of encouraging it; and what can the home do? "Each child should have books of his own, and a shelf upon which to put them. Our temptation in these days is to do too much reading in periodicals, and not enough reading of books. No amount of books borrowed from libraries can take the place of the books which the child should own."

A valuable and suggestive volume for all who deal with children.

One of the last of the fine services Frank L. Brown has rendered to the Sunday School interests of the country was the preparation of **The Superintendent,** a book published by the Methodist Book Concern. It is one of the "Worker and Work Series"; and gives a full analysis of the work of the Superintendent, the grading and organizing and equipping of a school; the relation of the superintendent to his staff of teachers and to the pupils; in fact it is a discussion of the whole program of religious instruction from the viewpoint of the man responsible for the management.

Dr. Brown for several years has been the general secretary of the World's Sunday School Association and for more years was up to the hour of his death the superintendent of the Bushwick Avenue Methodist Sunday School in Brooklyn, which he founded as a mission school but which has become "one of the largest and best in Methodism." This book therefore is the product of one of the most successful of our Sunday School Superintendents; it is valuable especially for that large body of volunteer workers who "approach their task without even an apprentice training for their work." Any superintendent actual or prospective wil the volume invaluable.

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Three stonemasons were cutting stone an enclosure.

"What are you men doing here?" asked a tator.

"Earning $5 per day," answered one.

"Trimming this stone," said a second.

"Building a cathedral," exclaimed the th

There you are! That is humanity. Some w wages; others do drudgery; but only a thir ious part build cathedrals, and these are workers with God.

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